

Cost-of-Living Index by Education Service Districts

Presentation to the House Subcommittee
on Education Finance Structures

HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FINANCE

I. Legislative Evaluation and Accountability Program Committee budget proviso:

“ ... LEAP Committee, in consultation with the Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, establish and maintain a set of economic indicators that could be used for adjusting the statewide salary schedule by a regional cost-of-living index. The economic indicators to be included in the index include the median cost of housing.”

... the cost-of-living indexes for geographic areas of the state coterminous with the boundaries of the nine educational service districts ...”

II. Measures of annual housing costs by educational service district:

- Used housing data by school district from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) study done in 2000.
- Reviewed both median and average annual costs by district and by ESD.
- Reviewed results with OFM, Economic and Revenue Forecast Council, LEAP Committee.
- Great variations between and within ESD's. ESD's too large an area, difficult to defend index at this level.

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III. Different approaches for creating and measuring cost-of-living indexes:

Florida:

- 67 local school districts; the annual price level index is averaged over a 3 year period; used in formula for distribution of funds to local school districts; adjusted to reflect personnel costs only; data sources include the Department of Revenue, local assessors values, telephone surveys conducted by the University of Florida for non-housing market basket categories.

Colorado:

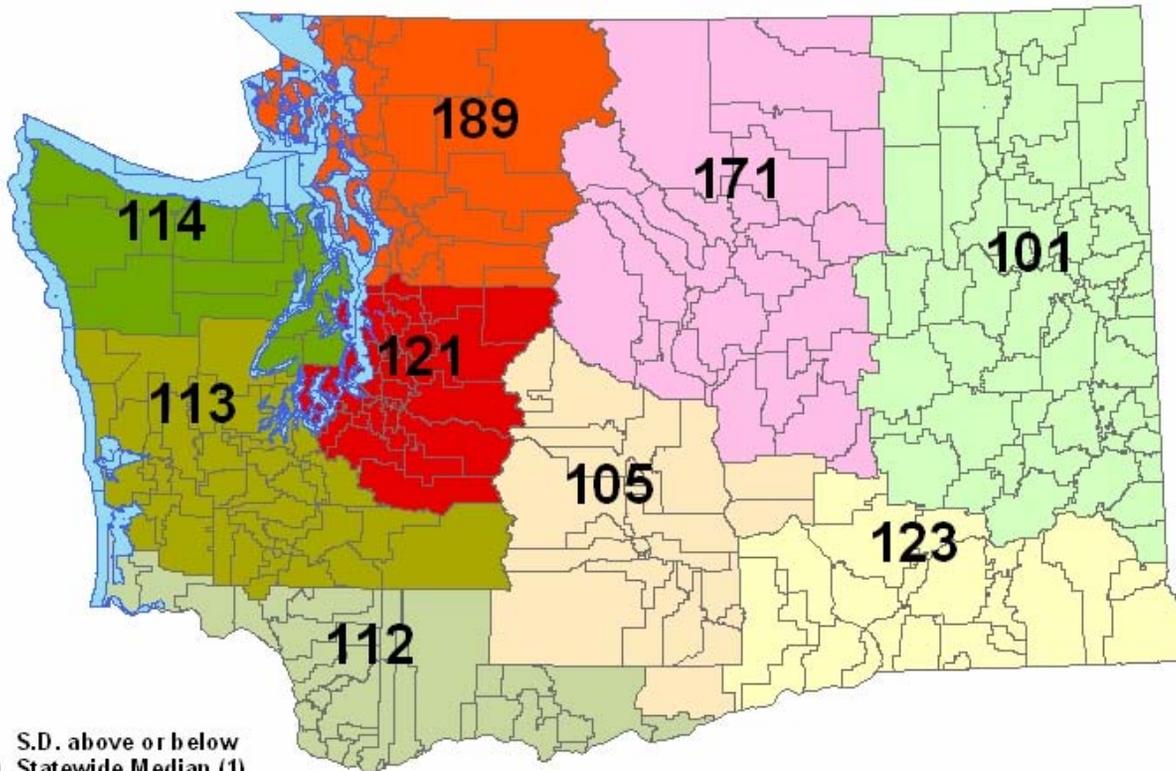
- 178 school districts; contracts out every two years for cost-of-living analysis; district funding based in part on the cost-of-living factor; cost-of-living factor includes cost of housing; transportation, taxes, goods and services for regions in which the districts are located; methodology used and items measured may change from prior analysis; cost of study estimated at \$125-\$130K, not including separate shopping pattern survey or separate housing prices analysis.

IV. Recommend Approach:

- Provide supplemental budget funding to OFM for the purchase of housing data by school district and fund a full time staff position in the OFM Forecasting Division to create an index which initially includes only the housing component; estimated 18 month cost \$165,000.

State of Washington

Comparison of Median Annual Housing Costs by Education Service District



Educational Service District	Median Annual Housing Cost by ESD	S.D. above or below Statewide Median (1)	
		Above	Below
101	\$11,693	1	58
105	\$12,246	1	23
112	\$14,032	0	31
113	\$12,226	4	41
114	\$14,502	1	14
121	\$16,812	25	10
123	\$12,356	1	22
171	\$12,426	1	28
189	\$16,244	19	16



(1) The median estimated annual homeowner cost for all school districts is \$16,092 (OFM Dec. 2000 study - A Review of K-12 Regional Cost Issues).

Comparison of Average Annual Housing Costs by Education Service District

Educational Service District	No. of School Districts	ESD % of State Population	ESD Annual Housing Cost weighted by S.D. Population (1)	No. of S.D. above or below \$17,475 (2)		No. of S.D. above or below \$16,092 (3)		No. of S.D. above or below \$13,957 (4)	
				Above	Below	Above	Below	Above	Below
101	59	9%	\$13,749	0	59	1	58	10	49
105	24	5%	\$13,594	0	24	1	23	5	19
112	31	8%	\$14,524	0	31	0	31	16	15
113	45	7%	\$14,548	1	44	4	41	9	36
114	15	5%	\$15,063	0	15	1	14	11	4
121	35	42%	\$20,453	15	20	25	10	31	4
123	23	5%	\$13,357	0	23	1	22	4	19
171	29	3%	\$13,471	1	28	1	28	8	21
189	35	16%	\$18,481	9	26	19	16	30	5
Totals	296	100%	\$17,475	26	270	53	243	124	172

(1) Average annual homeowner costs by ESD (school district data from OFM study - A Review of K-12 Regional Cost Issues) weighted by S. D. population.

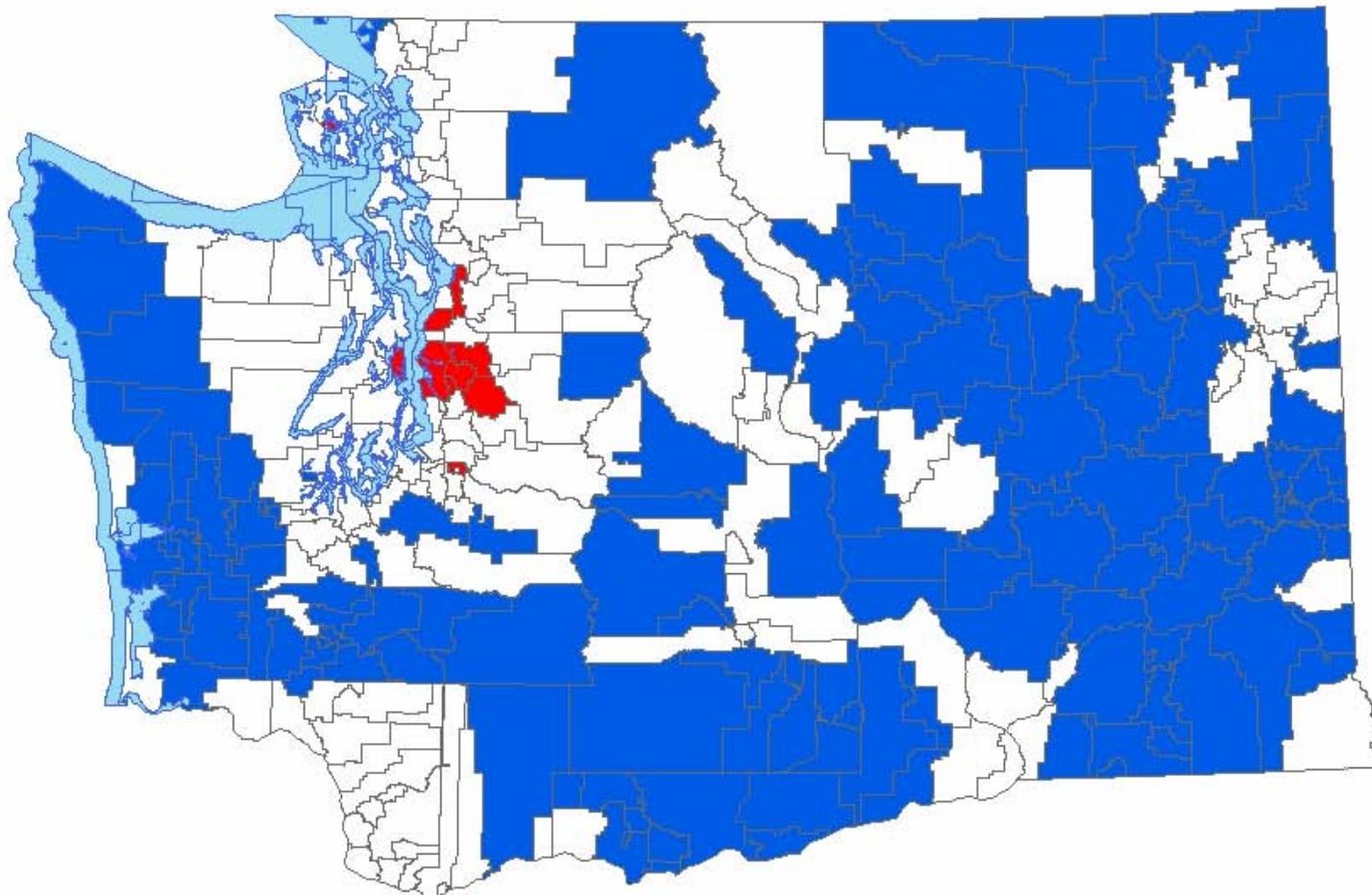
(2) The statewide average annual homeowner cost is \$17,475 when school district data is converted to ESD estimates using school district population.

(3) The median estimated annual homeowner cost for all school districts is \$16,092 (OFM Dec. 2000 study - A Review of K-12 Regional Cost Issues).

(4) The unweighted average of all school districts estimated annual homeowner cost is \$13,957 (OFM Dec. 2000 study - A Review of K-12 Regional Cost Issues).

K-12 School Districts

The unweighted estimated average of homeowner costs for all 296 school districts is \$13,957 for 1989-1999. (OFM study)



Average Housing Costs

-  Districts with housing costs 50+ percent above statewide average (10 districts, approx. 15,000 FTE staff)
-  Middle - Housing - Cost Districts (144 districts, approx. 70,000 FTE staff)
-  Lowest - Housing - Cost Districts (142 districts, approx. 15,000 FTE staff)



**Washington State K-12 Public School Districts
Ranked by Average Annual Housing Cost Per Year¹
Districts With Average Housing Cost 50+ Percent Above Statewide Average (\$13,957)¹**

District Name	County	Staff FTEs ²	Average Housing Cost Per Year ¹	Statewide Housing Cost Rank
<u>Housing cost 50+ percent above statewide average</u>				
Mercer Island	King	375.3	\$42,809	1
Shaw Island	San Juan	3.6	\$33,843	2
Bellevue	King	1,633.2	\$31,614	3
Issaquah	King	1,373.7	\$27,020	4
Bainbridge Island	Kitsap	384.9	\$24,788	5
Seattle	King	5,108.6	\$24,472	6
Everett	Snohomish	1,651.3	\$23,183	7
Lake Washington	King	2,127.0	\$22,853	8
Dieringer	Pierce	104.5	\$21,431	9
Edmonds	Snohomish	2,149.5	\$21,186	10
Total FTE Staff		14,911.6		
<u>Middle-housing-cost districts (144)</u>				
Bellingham	Whatcom	1,036.4	\$20,632	11
Mukilteo	Snohomish	1,284.2	\$20,447	12
Northshore	King	1,898.7	\$20,147	13
Shoreline	King	1,042.2	\$19,937	14
Vashon Island	King	155.1	\$19,869	15
Olympia	Thurston	894.8	\$19,448	16
Tacoma	Pierce	3,348.6	\$19,281	17
Snoqualmie Valley	King	417.3	\$19,235	18
Riverview	King	288.5	\$19,098	19
Palisades	Douglas	7.8	\$18,641	20
Snohomish	Snohomish	736.3	\$18,528	21
Orcas Island	San Juan	69.1	\$18,234	22
South Whidbey	Island	224.2	\$18,219	23
University Place	Pierce	514.1	\$18,137	24
Tahoma	King	574.9	\$17,851	25
Lakewood	Snohomish	230.0	\$17,563	26
Lake Stevens	Snohomish	637.4	\$17,393	27
Stanwood-Camano	Snohomish	498.4	\$17,329	28
Kent	King	2,667.3	\$17,284	29
Ellensburg	Kittitas	280.6	\$17,240	30
Monroe	Snohomish	533.9	\$17,236	31
Griffin	Thurston	62.7	\$17,175	32
Highline	King	1,809.8	\$17,113	33
San Juan Island	San Juan	92.0	\$16,944	34
Tukwila	King	262.9	\$16,812	35
Grapeview	Mason	17.3	\$16,800	36
Renton	King	1,284.5	\$16,781	37
Bremerton	Kitsap	637.2	\$16,734	38
North Thurston	Thurston	1,341.8	\$16,733	39
Star	Franklin	3.3	\$16,725	40

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Puyallup	Pierce	1,799.2	\$16,683	41
Sumner	Pierce	735.2	\$16,634	42
Enumclaw	King	470.7	\$16,611	43
La Conner	Skagit	89.4	\$16,534	44
Peninsula	Pierce	865.5	\$16,508	45
Marysville	Snohomish	1,067.5	\$16,417	46
Orchard Prairie	Spokane	8.1	\$16,328	47
Arlington	Snohomish	478.0	\$16,317	48
Auburn	King	1,266.6	\$16,312	49
Federal Way	King	2,117.7	\$16,262	50
Oak Harbor	Island	576.9	\$16,250	51
Anacortes	Skagit	291.2	\$16,244	52
Coupeville	Island	99.4	\$16,092	53
Clover Park	Pierce	1,428.4	\$16,069	54
Hockinson	Clark	113.8	\$15,902	55
Chimacum	Jefferson	142.0	\$15,876	56
Sequim	Clallam	246.4	\$15,835	57
Evergreen (Clark)	Clark	2,148.7	\$15,827	58
Meridian	Whatcom	160.5	\$15,695	59
Lopez Island	San Juan	40.7	\$15,659	60
Fife	Pierce	291.8	\$15,631	61
Damman	Kittitas	3.5	\$15,612	62
Sultan	Snohomish	232.0	\$15,579	63
Eatonville	Pierce	205.9	\$15,555	64
North Kitsap	Kitsap	720.2	\$15,535	65
Orondo	Douglas	29.9	\$15,519	66
Conway	Skagit	44.2	\$15,281	67
North Mason	Mason	229.0	\$15,214	68
Mead	Spokane	774.6	\$15,191	69
Granite Falls	Snohomish	203.0	\$15,186	70
Washougal	Clark	275.4	\$15,167	71
Mount Pleasant	Clark	6.6	\$15,136	72
Lynden	Whatcom	239.6	\$15,124	73
Camas	Clark	415.2	\$15,119	74
Mill A	Skamania	12.9	\$15,109	75
Port Townsend	Jefferson	171.6	\$15,059	76
Central Kitsap	Kitsap	1,355.9	\$14,974	77
Richland	Benton	909.4	\$14,960	78
Steilacoom Historical	Pierce	195.7	\$14,957	79
Yakima	Yakima	1,448.8	\$14,865	80
White River	Pierce	430.7	\$14,860	81
Evergreen (Stevens)	Stevens	5.1	\$14,815	82
Manson	Chelan	82.4	\$14,792	83
Pasco	Franklin	1,036.3	\$14,738	84

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East Valley (Spokane)	Spokane	459.8	\$14,713	85
Mount Baker	Whatcom	248.0	\$14,662	86
Methow Valley	Okanogan	65.9	\$14,602	87
Tumwater	Thurston	603.6	\$14,580	88
Cascade	Chelan	149.0	\$14,544	89
Brinnon	Jefferson	11.2	\$14,502	90
Eastmont	Douglas	508.5	\$14,486	91
Shelton	Mason	447.3	\$14,473	92
Deer Park	Spokane	210.9	\$14,438	93
Port Angeles	Clallam	442.7	\$14,413	94
Great Northern	Spokane	5.3	\$14,407	95
Riverside	Spokane	186.8	\$14,358	96
Franklin Pierce	Pierce	773.1	\$14,357	97
Easton	Kittitas	21.1	\$14,355	98
Index	Snohomish	9.3	\$14,325	99
Kennewick	Benton	1,423.2	\$14,317	100
Lake Chelan	Chelan	131.6	\$14,310	101
Ridgefield	Clark	134.5	\$14,294	102
Battle Ground	Clark	979.7	\$14,291	103
Spokane	Spokane	3,296.8	\$14,287	104
Green Mountain	Cowlitz	12.2	\$14,271	105
West Valley (Yakima)	Yakima	419.0	\$14,265	106
Woodland	Cowlitz	195.6	\$14,256	107
Skamania	Skamania	12.8	\$14,255	108
Ocean Beach	Pacific	137.6	\$14,251	109
Pullman	Whitman	209.0	\$14,208	110
Kelso	Cowlitz	539.9	\$14,202	111
Yelm	Thurston	466.4	\$14,192	112
Burlington-Edison	Skagit	353.5	\$14,183	113
Moses Lake	Grant	684.4	\$14,175	114
La Center	Clark	113.2	\$14,165	115
Pioneer	Mason	82.8	\$14,157	116
Crescent	Clallam	30.0	\$14,147	117
Adna	Lewis	45.7	\$14,102	118
Longview	Cowlitz	765.2	\$14,059	119
Vancouver	Clark	2,219.4	\$14,032	120
Nooksack Valley	Whatcom	205.4	\$14,020	121
Nine Mile Falls	Spokane	153.9	\$14,012	122
South Kitsap	Kitsap	1,034.8	\$13,999	123
Mount Vernon	Skagit	601.3	\$13,995	124
Medical Lake	Spokane	230.5	\$13,931	125
Hood Canal	Mason	39.5	\$13,908	126
Ferndale	Whatcom	545.5	\$13,900	127
Loon Lake	Stevens	18.5	\$13,884	128

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Wenatchee	Chelan	694.4	\$13,841	129
Sedro-Woolley	Skagit	469.7	\$13,805	130
White Salmon	Klickitat	129.7	\$13,792	131
Selah	Yakima	345.9	\$13,746	132
Orting	Pierce	177.0	\$13,654	133
Cheney	Spokane	370.0	\$13,645	134
Castle Rock	Cowlitz	122.3	\$13,594	135
East Valley (Yakima)	Yakima	223.5	\$13,593	136
Tenino	Thurston	138.9	\$13,565	137
Ephrata	Grant	221.4	\$13,563	138
Kalama	Cowlitz	79.9	\$13,532	139
Cashmere	Chelan	140.5	\$13,522	140
Asotin-Anatone	Asotin	65.5	\$13,468	141
Toutle Lake	Cowlitz	68.8	\$13,447	142
Omak	Okanogan	223.7	\$13,445	143
Wahkiakum	Wahkiakum	52.5	\$13,442	144
Freeman	Spokane	86.3	\$13,404	145
Colville	Stevens	206.4	\$13,326	146
Finley	Benton	113.0	\$13,304	147
Rochester	Thurston	205.4	\$13,294	148
Stehekin	Chelan	1.6	\$13,288	149
Keller	Ferry	11.2	\$13,288	150
Quilcene	Jefferson	36.7	\$13,268	151
Columbia (Walla Walla)	Walla Walla	97.0	\$13,214	152
Darrington	Snohomish	80.2	\$13,099	153
North Beach	Grays Harbor	77.5	\$13,063	154
Total FTE Staff		69,980.0		
<u>Lowest-housing-cost districts (142)</u>				
Stevenson-Carson	Skamania	123.5	\$13,006	155
Bethel	Pierce	1,612.1	\$12,989	156
Colfax	Whitman	73.2	\$12,947	157
Toledo	Lewis	88.1	\$12,947	158
Central Valley	Spokane	1,175.4	\$12,925	159
Naches Valley	Yakima	148.9	\$12,924	160
Rainier	Thurston	98.5	\$12,876	161
Dixie	Walla Walla	8.2	\$12,847	162
College Place	Walla Walla	97.0	\$12,827	163
Cape Flattery	Clallam	101.0	\$12,826	164
Concrete	Skagit	92.2	\$12,796	165
Quillayute Valley	Clallam	154.3	\$12,760	166
Naselle-Grays River	Pacific	56.7	\$12,759	167
West Valley (Spokane)	Spokane	360.2	\$12,737	168
Skykomish	King	20.3	\$12,686	169

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Summit Valley	Stevens	10.6	\$12,662	170
Liberty	Spokane	64.4	\$12,634	171
Napavine	Lewis	60.4	\$12,611	172
Mossyrock	Lewis	66.4	\$12,584	173
Cosmopolis	Grays Harbor	17.4	\$12,568	174
Ocosta	Grays Harbor	82.0	\$12,537	175
Kiona-Benton City	Benton	165.1	\$12,525	176
Quincy	Grant	243.8	\$12,520	177
Clarkston	Asotin	279.6	\$12,499	178
Cle Elum-Roslyn	Kittitas	90.5	\$12,496	179
Zillah	Yakima	117.7	\$12,456	180
Pateros	Okanogan	33.3	\$12,426	181
Trout Lake	Klickitat	21.3	\$12,426	182
Highland	Yakima	124.8	\$12,420	183
Entiat	Chelan	44.0	\$12,401	184
Winlock	Lewis	76.8	\$12,393	185
Prosser	Benton	279.3	\$12,356	186
Glenwood	Klickitat	20.2	\$12,346	187
Reardan	Lincoln	75.8	\$12,308	188
White Pass	Lewis	78.2	\$12,297	189
Morton	Lewis	53.8	\$12,281	190
Carbonado	Pierce	22.1	\$12,276	191
Mount Adams	Yakima	142.5	\$12,275	192
Royal	Grant	138.1	\$12,246	193
North Franklin	Franklin	214.1	\$12,244	194
Valley	Stevens	20.8	\$12,239	195
Sunnyside	Yakima	547.5	\$12,230	196
Lyle	Klickitat	43.9	\$12,226	197
Onalaska	Lewis	93.3	\$12,226	198
Kettle Falls	Stevens	85.2	\$12,214	199
Touchet	Walla Walla	42.5	\$12,174	200
Blaine	Whatcom	199.9	\$12,099	201
Colton	Whitman	25.0	\$12,097	202
Centralia	Lewis	339.3	\$12,095	203
Elma	Grays Harbor	200.0	\$12,072	204
Wahluke	Grant	177.4	\$12,059	205
Montesano	Grays Harbor	128.7	\$12,035	206
Newport	Pend Oreille	127.9	\$12,026	207
Inchelium	Ferry	46.8	\$12,023	208
Wishkah Valley	Grays Harbor	30.4	\$11,976	209
Okanogan	Okanogan	114.7	\$11,969	210
Satsop	Grays Harbor	6.1	\$11,950	211
Quinalt	Grays Harbor	45.3	\$11,913	212
Evaline	Lewis	4.9	\$11,910	213

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Chewelah	Stevens	116.7	\$11,899	214
Thorp	Kittitas	26.2	\$11,889	215
Mary M. Knight	Grays Harbor	30.6	\$11,848	216
Creston	Lincoln	23.1	\$11,831	217
Soap Lake	Grant	55.5	\$11,816	218
Grandview	Yakima	307.4	\$11,813	219
Nespelem	Okanogan	39.6	\$11,783	220
Oroville	Okanogan	88.1	\$11,760	221
Queets-Clearwater	Clallam	12.0	\$11,759	222
Tonasket	Okanogan	118.0	\$11,758	223
Kittitas	Kittitas	60.1	\$11,728	224
McCleary	Grays Harbor	32.2	\$11,713	225
Waterville	Douglas	42.5	\$11,705	226
Grand Coulee Dam	Okanogan	102.9	\$11,701	227
Palouse	Whitman	29.5	\$11,693	228
Davenport	Lincoln	54.7	\$11,642	229
Wapato	Yakima	364.1	\$11,640	230
Mary Walker	Stevens	67.5	\$11,605	231
Willapa Valley	Pacific	53.2	\$11,597	232
Columbia (Stevens)	Stevens	35.0	\$11,577	233
Toppenish	Yakima	367.3	\$11,561	234
Wilbur	Lincoln	34.7	\$11,538	235
Republic	Ferry	55.5	\$11,526	236
Hoquiam	Grays Harbor	230.0	\$11,516	237
Paterson	Benton	14.7	\$11,500	238
Warden	Grant	103.0	\$11,486	239
Centerville	Klickitat	11.9	\$11,484	240
Goldendale	Klickitat	128.2	\$11,459	241
Steptoe	Whitman	7.8	\$11,416	242
Chehalis	Lewis	305.5	\$11,392	243
Cusick	Pend Oreille	44.7	\$11,351	244
Waitsburg	Walla Walla	42.7	\$11,327	245
Almira	Lincoln	21.6	\$11,275	246
South Bend	Pacific	74.6	\$11,243	247
Pe Ell	Lewis	38.8	\$11,239	248
Union Gap	Yakima	64.3	\$11,224	249
Wellpinit	Stevens	95.3	\$11,218	250
Southside	Mason	24.3	\$11,211	251
Raymond	Pacific	71.4	\$11,203	252
Coulee-Hartline	Grant	34.3	\$11,190	253
Walla Walla	Walla Walla	629.8	\$11,156	254
Dayton	Columbia	72.5	\$11,147	255
Selkirk	Pend Oreille	50.7	\$11,122	256
Taholah	Grays Harbor	40.2	\$11,107	257

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Odessa	Lincoln	39.6	\$11,090	258
Bridgeport	Douglas	72.6	\$11,085	259
Oakville	Grays Harbor	41.1	\$11,081	260
Boistfort	Lewis	14.9	\$11,081	261
Oakesdale	Whitman	27.8	\$11,078	262
St. John	Whitman	30.5	\$11,019	263
Mansfield	Douglas	25.9	\$11,013	264
Curlew	Ferry	31.5	\$10,937	265
Pomeroy	Garfield	47.3	\$10,927	266
Granger	Yakima	145.4	\$10,912	267
Mabton	Yakima	90.3	\$10,905	268
Wishram	Klickitat	16.1	\$10,889	269
Rosalia	Whitman	42.9	\$10,861	270
Garfield	Whitman	26.9	\$10,841	271
Aberdeen	Grays Harbor	416.3	\$10,828	272
Harrington	Lincoln	25.7	\$10,779	273
Ritzville	Adams	45.4	\$10,743	274
Vader	Lewis	11.3	\$10,723	275
Wilson Creek	Grant	24.8	\$10,649	276
Washtucna	Adams	23.2	\$10,631	277
Orient	Ferry	13.6	\$10,616	278
Kahlotus	Franklin	20.4	\$10,568	279
Lind	Adams	33.7	\$10,537	280
North River	Grays Harbor	16.8	\$10,489	281
Prescott	Walla Walla	39.5	\$10,453	282
Klickitat	Klickitat	27.1	\$10,376	283
Lacrosse	Whitman	28.1	\$10,338	284
Tekoa	Whitman	30.5	\$10,289	285
Northport	Stevens	30.2	\$10,226	286
Brewster	Okanogan	97.2	\$10,186	287
Bickleton	Klickitat	18.6	\$10,177	288
Sprague	Lincoln	22.3	\$10,173	289
Onion Creek	Stevens	10.2	\$10,042	290
Endicott	Whitman	23.0	\$9,999	291
Starbuck	Columbia	3.2	\$9,751	292
Lamont	Whitman	7.5	\$9,594	293
Othello	Adams	311.3	\$9,379	294
Benge	Adams	3.3	\$9,335	295
Roosevelt	Klickitat	4.3	\$8,698	296
Total FTE Staff		15,174.7		

¹ Average Housing Costs from A Review of K-12 Regional Cost Issues, December 2002 (OFM).

² Staff FTEs from 2002-03 School District Personnel Summary (OSPPI).

Comparison of Florida and Colorado School District Cost-of-Living Studies

Similarities:

- Both studies use “market basket” surveys to determine relative prices of specific items in each school district (see tables for specific items)
- Both studies are used to determine general state funding for school districts - not to adjust salaries specifically
- Both studies are used to adjust expenditures through formulas which do not fully reflect the differences in relative prices (e.g. a district with a cost-of-living index 15% higher than average will not necessarily get 15% more funding than average, all other things being equal)
- Both studies are meant to be “snapshots” of price differences at a specific time, not a record of how prices in a district have changed over time

Differences:

- Florida’s study is done by University of Florida; Colorado’s is contracted out to private companies with the exception of housing prices, which are supplied by the state Legislative Council
- Florida’s housing index measures costs associated with both owning a home and renting; Colorado’s only includes homeowners’ costs
- Colorado’s market basket includes considerably more items than Florida’s
- Prices on most consumer goods and some services are collected in person in the Colorado study (contracted company must visit each district); Florida relies on phone and Internet to collect prices
- Colorado study makes use of shopping pattern survey (conducted separately) which indicates where district residents actually shop; Florida’s does not

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Cost of Studies:

Florida: Unknown

Colorado: 2003 study estimated at \$125-130k, price does not include shopping pattern survey or work performed by the Legislative Council. Separate study of housing prices is also being performed in 2003, cost \$20k. Study performed every two years.

School District Comparison:

Florida: 67 districts conterminous with counties

Colorado: 178 districts

Washington: 296 districts

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<u>Category</u>	<u>Florida</u>	<u>Colorado</u>
Housing	Homeowner cost index Apartment cost index Electricity; Water service Phone service Air conditioning inspection	Mortgage payment; Property tax; Homeowner insurance; Maintenance/Repair Electricity;Gas;Water;Sewer Phone service Day care; Laundry soap; Mattress
Food & Beverage	Hamburger French fries Served coffee Served cold drink	Cheeseburger meal (cheesburger,fries,coke) Pizza (14" pepperoni regular or thin crust) Steak meal (NY strip 12 oz.,potato,soup/salad,coffee) Cereal; bakery products; meat; poultry; fish; eggs Dairy products; vegetables; coffee; soup Beer (6 pack 12oz Coors Light 3.2%)
Medical Care	Health insurance Healthcare cost index Eye examination Extraction Filling	Health insurance premium
Transportation	Auto Insurance Lube-oil-filter Unleaded gas - self serve	Auto insurance (1995 Ford Ranger & 99 Honda Civic) Oil change; front-end alignment Gas - unleaded Car payment/financing (1999 Honda Civic 4yr. loan)
Other Goods and Services	Man's Haircut Woman's Haircut Dry Cleaning (Dress/Suit) Day Care Service Movie Rental Bowling	Man's Haircut Woman's Haircut Men's dress shirt;T-shirt; Women's turtleneck, jeans, dress shoes Movie admission; Color TV(RCA 20"); Pet food; Film; Cigarettes; Shaving cream; Feminine hygiene product